Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-5, and reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

This election is made with traverse because even though the claims of Groups I and II may be considered by the Examiner as patentably distinct from one another, it is believed that the claims are sufficiently related to be properly presented in a single application. For example, the methods of Group II are to be practiced with the cell lines of Group I. Given the commonality of the subject matter here, examination of all the claims does not place a serious search burden upon the Examiner.

If there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this election, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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